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1. REFTEL PARA 3. PROSPECT OF POTENTIAL NEW SLIFER EQUIPMENT (SMALLER, ETC.) WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN US STATEMENT JAN 30 (MOSCOW 1404). SOVIETS TOOK NOTE AND REACTED HARDLY AT ALL (MOSCOW 1406). THEY EXPRESSED NO CONCERN ABOUT SIZE OF EQUIPMENT; ONLY REAL COMMENT (FROM SAFRONOV) WAS THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT EQUIPMENT THERE IS IN ORDER TO INSURE NO UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION WILL BE GAINED (MOSCOW 1427 PARA 6).

2. REFTEL PARA 3. WHAT IS MEANT BY "SIGNIFICANTLY LESS COMPLEX"?

3. REFTEL PARA 3. WHAT IS MEANT BY FYI SENTENCE ABOUT NEED FOR TRAILER DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF SHOT POINTS?

4. REFTEL PARA 4. US SIDE HAS, MORE THAN ONCE, MENTIONED THAT ONE ALTERNATIVE WAY TO ASSURE THAT UNWARRANTED DATA IS NOT ACQUIRED WOULD BE TO LINT RECORDER CAPABILITY. SOVIET REPLIES HAVE BEEN TO  
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EFFEDT THAT THEY DO NOT LIKE IDEA OF LIMITATION ON

RECORDER CAPABILITY BECAUSE A MERMORY COULD EASILY BE INSERTED TO RECORD INFORMATION NOT NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATIION (MOSCOW 1406 PARA 3(F)). BASED ON MOROKHOV'S REMARKS DURING DISCUSSION OF BLOCKING SWITCH, PLACEMENT OF SLIFER CABLE WOULD MOST PROBABLY BE UNSATISFACTORY TO SOVIETS IRRESPECTIVE OF RECORDER CHARACTERISTICS SINCE IN THEIR VIEW SIGNAL WITH "INFORMATION NOT NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION" WOULD BE PROPAGATED TO SURFACE, AND THUS BE POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE FOR SURREPTITIOUS RECORDING. SOVIETS EVIDENTLY SATISFIED THAT SPACING RULE WILL PREVENT "INFORMATION NOT NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION" TO EXTENT THEY CONSIDER NECESSARY.

5. REFTTEL PARA 5. "MOROKHOV CONCERNS CITED PARA 6, MOSCOW 2170" NOT AT ALL LIKELY TO BE ALLEVIATED BY NEW OR AMENDED DESIGN OF SLIFER EQUIPMENT. THOSE "CONCERNS" HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO US ARTICLE VII PARA 2, WHICH PROVIDES FOR EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR YIELD DETERMINATION AND PORTABLE SEISMIC SYSTEMS. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR THESE TWO KINDS OF EQUIPMENT. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT ITEMS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THEIR EXPRESSED CONCERN ARE, E.G., PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT, FIELD GLASSES, PORTABLE SHORT-RANGE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, ETC. THE CONCERN ABOUT THE LIST BEING "OPEN-ENDED" IS, OF COURSE, DIRECTED TO THE WORDS "AND OTHER ITEMS SPECIFIED BY THE PARTY OTHER THAN THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION". SOVIETS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SUGGEST PRACTICAL WAY TO ALLOW FOR UNPREDICTABLE NEEDS WHILE DELIMITING SCOPE OF QAT CAN BE ADDED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT ALL THIS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN IS LEADING TO A STRONG PITCH FOR USE OF EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY HOST PARTY FOR ALL NEEDS BEYOND SLIFER AND SEISMIC EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PARTS, ETC., PECULIAR TO THESE EQUIPMENTS.

6. REFTTEL PARA 5. DELEGATION WILL CONTRIVE TO RAISE AGAIN SUBJECT OF SOVIET PLANS OVER NEXT YEAR OR SO, AND INQUIRE ABOUT LIKELY PRESENCE OR ABSENCE IN THOSE PLANS OF EVENTS THAT WOULD CALL FOR SLIFERS. HOWEVER, FROM CONSIDERABLE PAST EXPERIENCE, WE WOULD JUDGE LIKELI-

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